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SUBJECT: GUNAYDIN INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY PRIMIN TURKES

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW GIVEN BY DEPUTY PRIMIN ALPASLAN TURKES (NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY, NAP) APPEARING IN THE DECEMBER 19 ISSUE OF MASS-CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN:

A. ASKED IF POLICE AIDED OR WERE OTHERWISE PARTIAL TO MEMBERS OF TH PRO-NAP "ULKU OCAKLARI" (IDEALIST HEARTHS ORGANIZATION), DEPUTY PRIMIN TURKES STATED, "IDEALISTS ARE RESPECTFUL OF POLICE AND STATE (SECURITY) FORCES. FOR THIS REASON IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR CLASHES TO OCCUR BETWEEN THEM AND THE POLICE. YOU CANNOT SHOW A SINGLE INSTANCE OF AN IDEALIST BEING CHARGED FOR ACTING AGAINST THE POLICE, BUT THERE ARE TONS (SIC) OF LEFTIST ANARCHISTS WHO ARE." FURTHER "THE ALLEGATION THAT THE TURKISH POLICE DISTRIBUTE ARMS TO THE IDEALISTS IS A VILE SLANDER" AS "THE TURKISH SECURITY FORCES DO THEIR DUTY IN AN HONORABLE AND IMPARTIAL MANNER, NOT TURNING A BLIND EYE TO ANY SORT OF LAWLESSNESS BY ANYONE."

B. WHEN ASKED WHERE THE "COMMANDOS" (AS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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IDEALISTS ARE KNOWN BY THEIR CRITICS) OBTAINED ARMS, TURKES

ANSWERED, "WE ARE A NATION WHICH HAS A LOVE OF WEAPONS. WHO DOESN'T OWN ONE? WHILE IDEALISTS ARE ARRESTED WITH SOUVENIR PISTOLS LEFT BY THEIR FATHERS, THE LEFTIST ANARCHISTS ARE CAUGHT WITH MACHINE GUNS....LEFTIST MILITANTS ARE FOUND WITH BOMBS, MOLOTOV COCKTAILS, DYNAMITE, AMMUNITION, AND HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THESE WEAPONS ARE SMUGGLED INTO OUR COUNTRY BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. IF AN IDEALIST FEELS THE NEED, HE USES A NATIONAL (I.E., TURKISH-MADE) WEAPON, "ONE MADE ON THE BLACK SEA OR BY 'MAKINE KIMYA'."

C. ASKED IF IT WOULD NOT BE BEST TO DISARM ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, THE NAP LEADER MAINTAINED THAT SUCH AN IDEAL SOLUTION WOULD REQUIRE THE DISARMING OF THE "OTHER SIDE" AS WELL. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO TURKES, "NO ONE NEED FEAR THE IDEALISTS. THEY ARE ALL PATRIOTIC AND INTELLIGENT YOUNG PEOPLE. THE ONES TO BE FEARED ARE THE COMMUNIST MILITANTS."

D. TURKES DENIED THE ALLEGATION THAT HE "SLEPT IN A DIFFERENT HOUSE EVERY NIGHT" OUT OF A CONCERN FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD ONLY ONE APARTMENT IN WHICH HE NOW LIVED PLUS ANOTHER TO WHICH HE PLANNED TO MOVE IN THE SPRING. WHEN TURKES MENTIONED THAT HIS NEW APARTMENT WOULD BE IN THE SAME BUILDING AS THAT OF OPPOSITION LEADER BULENT ECEVIT, THE INTERVIEWER ASKED IF TURKES INTENDED TO VISIT ECEVIT AFTER THE MOVE OR PERHAPS JUST DROP BY SOME MORNING "TO ASK FOR A CUP OF SUGAR." TURKES RETORDED, "I WOULDN'T ASK. I WOULD PREFER MY TEA WITHOUT SUGAR."

E. WHEN QUESTIONED IF IT WERE CORRECT THAT SOME 50,000 YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTED THE NAP, TURKES ANSWERED, "I ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE 300,000 YOUNG NAP SUPPORTERS" AND "1150 NAP YOUTH GROUPS THROUGHOUT TURKEY."

F. WHEN ASKED IF THE NAP SPONSORED SECRET CAMPS FOR PARAMILITARY TRAINING OR ANYTHING OF THE SORT," AS HAD BEEN SHOWN BY THE "EIGHT TO NINE YEARS" WHICH "COURTS HAD SPENT INVESTIGATING THE MATTER." TURKES EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH THE NAP HAD OCCASIONALLY IN THE PAST ORGANIZED YOUTH CAMPS FOR "RECREATION, SPORTS, STUDY, AND IDEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT" THESE PROGRAMS HAD BEEN ENDED IN 1971 DUE TO SUCH "RUMORS" OF IMPROPER ACTIVITIES.

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